

# Energizing California's Communities with Renewables

Waste Heat-to-Power at a Textile Dyeing Facility in Hawthorne

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# **Background**

- U.S. DOE Estimates:
  - Industrial sector uses about one-third of total energy consumption in the U.S.
  - About 20%-50% of this energy is lost as waste heat.
- Waste heat to power applications typically target high-temperature processes where waste heat is between 500 – 1000 °F:
  - Geothermal
  - Thermal solar
  - Waste heat captured from large internal combustion engines and gas turbines
  - Biomass
- Organic Rankine cycle (ORC) equipment can utilize medium and low temperature waste heat streams to directly produce electricity.
- System efficiency ranges from 5% to 15% with no incremental fuel costs.
- ORC technology is not widely adopted in California.
- CEC project enables demonstration of technology at a customer site.



## **Goals and Deliverables**

### Overall goals:

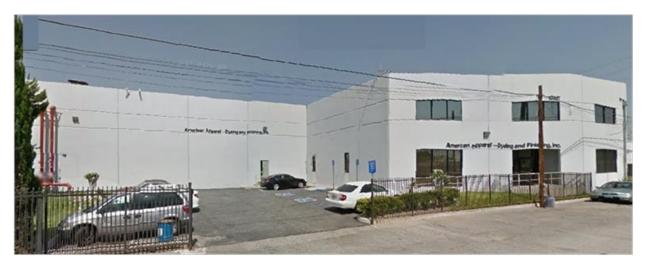
- Demonstrate ORC technology at an industrial customer facility.
- Provide information and tools necessary to expand the applicability of ORC technology to a wide range of industrial processes.

#### Deliverables:

- System performance against various exhaust gas conditions.
- System availability, operating requirements and maintenance requirements.
- Technology applicability and/or limitations in to industrial processes.
- Key factors dictating project economics and life cycle costs.
- Recommendations on how to accelerate adoption.



## Industrial Host Site: American Apparel, Hawthorne, CA





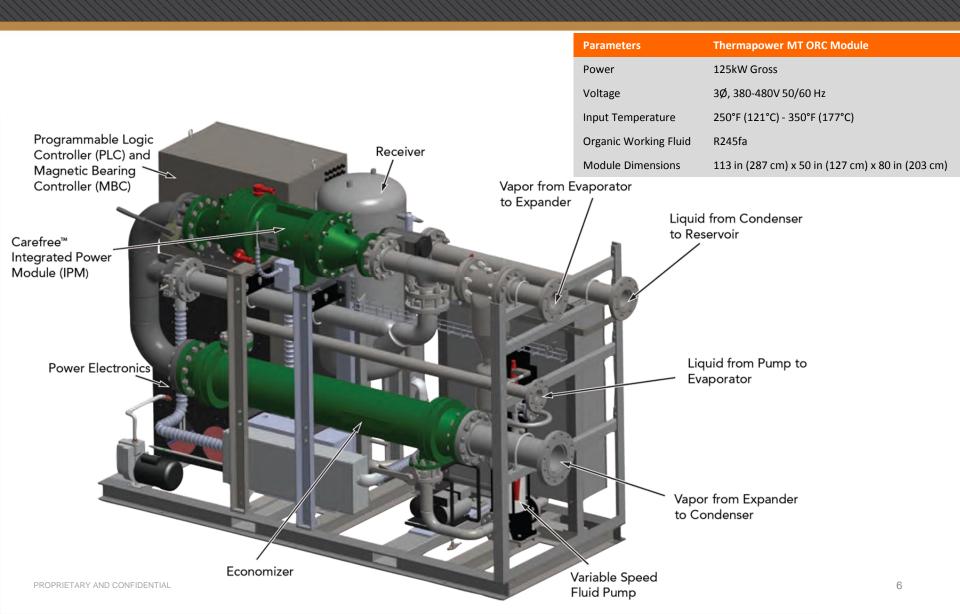


**Fabric Drying (Tenter) Ovens** 

**Oven Duct System** 



# Thermapower<sup>TM</sup> MT



# Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) Technology

- ORC System Selection: Calnetix Access Energy ORC.
  - Access Energy located in Cerritos, California
  - Thermapower MT unit electrical generating capacity is 125 kW (gross), good match for customer.
  - Net electricity output depends on balance of plant.
  - Modular configuration provides flexibility for evaporators, condensers.



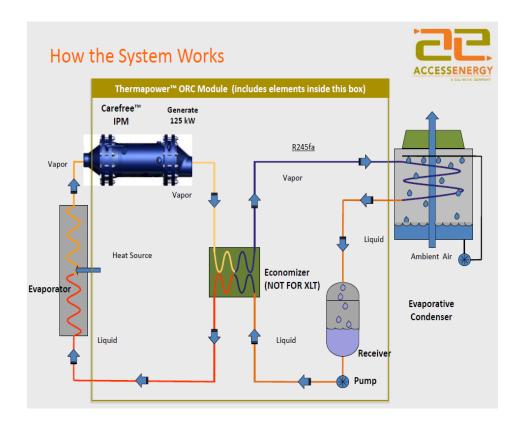
**Calnetix ORC Machine** 

- High speed turbine expander = higher efficiency than screw/scroll expanders.
- Magnetic bearings with self-centering mechanism reduce losses due to contact between rotating parts and improve reliability.
- Variable high speed generator allows for optimal speed operation with 98% generator efficiency and no need for gear box.
- Program logic controller (PLC): provides real time optimization for variations in heat source temperature, cooling source temperature, and flow variations.
- Power electronics: enables variable output frequency/voltage for real time grid conditions.



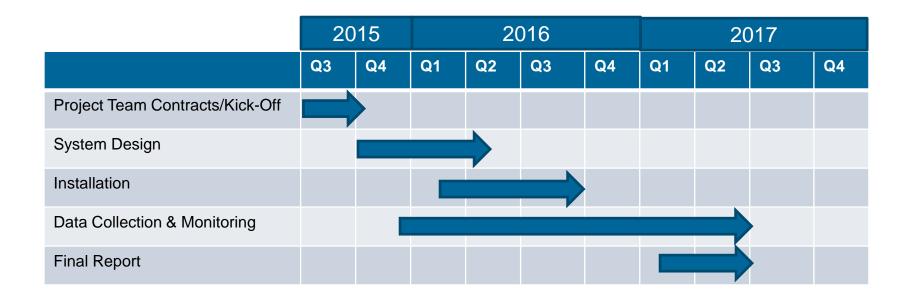
# **ORC Technology/Cycle**

- The ORC cycle similar to other generation cycles, except that the organic working fluid, enables flexibility in evaporator temperature.
- A fluid with a lower boiling point enables us to extract power from lower temperature heat sources.





# **Project Schedule**



# **Potential Ratepayer Benefits**

- Increased electricity reliability
- Lower operating costs
- Increased safety (lower pressure steam)
- Reduced GHG emissions





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